

# LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A device ~~(1)~~ for the generation of respirational air ~~(9)~~, comprising:  
a compressor ~~(4)~~, from which compressed gas is delivered in a tube ~~(2)~~, comprising;  
a device for cooling ~~(5)~~ ~~and comprising~~; and  
at least one water separator ~~(6)~~,  
wherein the tube ~~(2)~~ contains a tapering passage ~~(9)~~ after which the water separator ~~(6)~~ is directly connected, the tapering passage ~~(9)~~ having a cooling effect on the gas in the operating state.

2. (Currently amended) The device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein a nozzle ~~(3)~~ is provided in the tube ~~(2)~~ as a tapering passage ~~(9)~~.

3. (Currently amended) The device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 3, wherein the nozzle ~~(3)~~ may have different forms.

4. (Currently amended) The device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein a second water separator ~~(6)~~ is connected before the tapering passage ~~(9)~~.

5. (Currently amended) The device ~~(1)~~ as claimed in claim 4, wherein a further cooling device ~~(5)~~ for the gas is provided in the device ~~(1)~~ before the tapering passage ~~(9)~~.

6. (Currently amended) A method for the generation of respirational air ~~(7)~~, comprising:  
~~delivering a compressor (4) which delivers compressed gas using a compressor, after which this gas is passed;~~  
passing the gas through a tapering passage (9) in which the gas is cooled; and  
precipitating and separating off water being precipitated and being separated off from the gas by means of a water separator (6).

7. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the gas or air mixture is cooled by at least one fan ~~(5)~~ on the way to the tapering passage ~~(9)~~.

8. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims 6 and 7~~ claim 6, wherein water which has condensed out is separated off in the water separator ~~(6)~~ before the tapering passage ~~(9)~~.

9. (New) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein water which has condensed out is separated off in the water separator before the tapering passage.

10. (New) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein a second water separator is connected before the tapering passage.

11. (New) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein a second water separator is connected before the tapering passage.